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English 8 Semester Plan

	Declarative knowledge	Procedural Knowledge	Resources
Week 1	Simple sentence structure. Paragraph writing.	How to properly use punctuation.	Worksheets for grammar. Sentence structure. Common Usage errors DVD 428.2 COM (DRC)
Week 2	Researching in the library. How to find a book on a specific topic.	How to use the library appropriately. Usage of the Dewy Decimal System.	Library; the Librarian
Week 3	Autobiographical essay.	How to write a narrative essay.	Using adjectives, adverbs, and other modifiers DVD (428.2USI @DRC) Grammar worksheets.
Week 4	Short Stories (Mythology)	Understanding point of view. Plot summary.	3 short stories. Poster of rising action/plot summary. Various mythology handouts with applicable questions. Vocabulary Worksheet.
Week 5	Short Stories (Mythology)	Character comparison. Story comparison.	3 short stories. Group poster comparing 2 characters. Vocabulary Worksheet.

Week 6	Understand different cultures. Explore experiences.	Discussion of bias and purpose	Novel Excerpt Julie of the Wolves “newspaper” work (@DRC). Julie of the Wolves novel. Vocabulary Worksheet.
Week 7	Recall and describe events and characters. Understanding perspective of others.	Read book. Assign worksheets based on book.	Continue with Novel. Worksheets. Quizzes on readings. Vocabulary Worksheet.
Week 8	Comprehend and respond to texts.	Summarizing text. Recalling detail.	Completion of novel. Vocabulary Worksheet.
Week 9	Vocabulary exercises. Define word, use in a sentence. Usage and homonyms.	Increase of vocabulary. Definitions. Word awareness.	Vocabulary worksheets.
Week 10	Write simple paragraphs. Correct sentence structure. Anonymous peer editing.	Identify types of sentences. Identify parts of speech.	Sentence structure and diction worksheets. Posters (create in class).
Week 11	Recognition of poetic elements. Peer learning.	Introduction to poetry. Structure and rhyme scheme.	Lyrics from kids’ favorite song. Group presentations of poems, interpretation, and poetic elements. Vocabulary Worksheet.
Week 12	Explore experiences, ideas, and information. Differentiating theme, type, and creation of text. Self-expression.	Introduction and specification of poetic devices. Recognition of types of poetry.	Poetry Textbook. Creation of poetry book. Vocabulary Worksheet.
Week 13	Persuasive essay. Narrative essay.	Introduction and recognition of	Posters for each specific type of essay.

		different types of essays.	Quiz specifying each type of essay (fill-in-the-blank). Handouts.
Week 14	Expository essay. Comparison essay.	Further introduction and recognition.	Same equipment. Creative writing assignment.
Week 15	Reading first half (ish) of book. Discuss self/other awareness and diversity.	Awareness of class and bias.	The Outsiders novel.
Week 16	Journal entries from point of view of a character from the novel.	Learn how to write in narrative format. Perspective, structure, and persuasion.	The Outsiders book, cont'd. Journal entries.
Week 17	Messages and tone of book and movie. Persuasion essay on perspective from "Soc's" and/or "Greasers."	Focused discussion on differences between movie and novel.	The Outsiders movie. Comprehension worksheets.
Week 18	Review/ overlap lesson time.	Reinforce previous concepts.	Whatever is required. Worksheets, notes, other media if needed.

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